

Claims

- [c1] An escutcheon for an appliance door assembly, said escutcheon comprising:
a control panel mounting surface comprising a lower edge, and
a plurality of formations depending from said lower edge and defining a retaining slot.
- [c2] An escutcheon in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said formations comprise panel positioning ribs.
- [c3] An escutcheon in accordance with Claim 2 wherein the door assembly includes an outer panel with a curved outer surface, said ribs arranged beneath said lower edge to approximately match the curvature of the outer panel.
- [c4] An escutcheon in accordance with Claim 2 wherein said ribs comprise a guide surface extending at an angle with said lower edge.
- [c5] An escutcheon in accordance with Claim 4, said ribs further comprising a panel engagement portion extending from said guide surface.
- [c6] An escutcheon in accordance with Claim 1 further comprising a curved front face extending beneath said lower edge.
- [c7] An escutcheon for a dishwasher door assembly, said escutcheon comprising a lower edge and a plurality of formations depending therefrom, each formation comprising an angled guide surface, said guide surface defining a retaining slot.
- [c8] An escutcheon in accordance with Claim 7 further comprising a lip, said slot defined by said guide surface and said lip.
- [c9] An escutcheon in accordance with Claim 8 further comprising a panel engagement portion extending from said surface, said panel engagement portion extending substantially parallel to said lip.
- [c10] An escutcheon in accordance with Claim 7 wherein said formations are

located along a curved path.

- [c11] An escutcheon in accordance with Claim 10 further comprising a control panel mounting surface, and a curved front face extending between said control panel mounting surface.
- [c12] An appliance door assembly comprising:
an outer door panel comprising an edge and an outer surface; and
an escutcheon attached to said edge, said escutcheon comprising a plurality of formations defining a retaining slot, said formations locating said outer surface within said slot when said edge is received in said slot.
- [c13] A door assembly in accordance with Claim 12, said formations comprising a panel engagement portion and a guide surface extending at an angle from said panel engagement portion.
- [c14] A door assembly in accordance with Claim 13 wherein said panel outer surface is curved, said formations depending from said escutcheon in a curved arrangement.
- [c15] A door assembly in accordance with Claim 12, said escutcheon comprising a lip defining said retaining slot, said panel engagement portion extending substantially parallel to said lip.
- [c16] A door assembly in accordance with Claim 12, said escutcheon comprising a lower edge, said lower edge substantially flush with said panel outer surface when said edge is received in said slot.
- [c17] A door assembly in accordance with Claim 16 wherein said panel outer surface is curved.
- [c18] A dishwasher door assembly comprising:
an outer door panel comprising an edge and a curved outer surface; and
an escutcheon attached to said edge, said escutcheon comprising a plurality of formations defining a retaining slot, each said formation comprising a panel engagement portion, said panel engagement portion positioning said

edge within said slot to that said panel outer surface is substantially flush with an outer surface of said escutcheon.

- [c19] A door assembly in accordance with Claim 18, each said formation further comprising an angled guide surface extending from said panel engagement portion.
- [c20] A door assembly in accordance with Claim 18 wherein said outer surface of said escutcheon is curved.

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